

Harpswell Conservation Commission  
Minutes for Special Meeting of January 29, 2008, 3:30 PM  
Municipal Office Building, Mountain Road, Harpswell, Maine

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), Tony Barrett, Anne Perry (secretary), Pat L'Heureux, Deirdre Strachan.

Absent: Ann Nemrow,

Also present: Carol Tukey (Town Planner)

1. Minutes of past meetings were approved as follows: 9-18-07; 10-3-07; 11-13-07; 11-19-07 (notes, no quorum); 11-26-07 (with addition of Beth Edmonds name under #2, line 6); 12-5-07 (with correction #1, line 2 ~~Land Use~~ Town Lands); 12-18-07 (as amended by Tony Barrett, with e-mail notes); 1-7-08, and 1-15-08.

Previously approved: 10-16-07, 11-5-07.

**2. Adopt-a-Road.** Spring cleanup date will be April 19. PC and TY to go out in March.

**3. Compost Bins.** Materials have arrived. Pat will arrange with Jim Gordon at the Recycling Center for pickup date, and how many extras to order for summer residents. She labels bins with purchasers' names, and will be there one day for pickup.

**4. Open Space Plan.** Fred and FB Environmental parameters have been met as requested as to weighting and ranges for prioritizing, addition of high yield wells, adjustments to Map 6 indicating preserved lands. The new methodology, it was felt, places undue emphasis on areas of high yield wells (data from the 2005 Comp Plan map). These areas are mostly in already developed sections of the Town. Carol spoke with Ken Cichon (a hydro-geologist) about a basis for determining valuable water recharge areas. He said that they are all over town, and would be difficult if not impossible to map. In effect, the whole Town is important to protect for water quality and quantity. The issue might be best addressed by a Plumbing Code, which the Town does not have. Carol also noted that Fred did not propose any ordinance changes that might be included under regulatory strategies.

Comments on power point presentation:

- include key with all maps(Fred);
- include pictures with each map that illustrate the category of open space(HCC & Fred);
- include sources of info on habitat map and others(Fred);
- add Mountain Road to scenic map and complete "windshield assessment" of views along roads(HCC);
- remove high yield well areas from final prioritization map, leaving them in the water resources map(Fred);

Deirdre to prepare a list of permanent protected parcels to have Fred run a new report.

Tony to continue the comparison of towns and % open space.

**5. MEACC.** Mary Ann sent by e-mail a comparison of indices from the Falmouth, Manchester, and Readfield and Harpswell (draft) OSPs; also a draft power point presentation for the entire OSP. Tony sent by e-mail notes on the Open Space Workshop in Augusta.

Deirdre brought up the funding source assistance offered by MEACC's Marcel Polak for six member towns. It was VOTED to apply for the assistance pending Selectmen's approval.

**Old Business** Annual Report to the Town postponed.

**New Business** Ted Coughlin, State Rep from District 35 (Bar Harbor area) , is urging Maine towns to try for 50% use of cloth shopping bags by April 22 (Earth Day) and 100% use by 2009. Discussion of HCC educational function re: OSP and other matters such as cloth bags. Deirdre will write and Anchor article and Mary Ann will put something on the HCC page of the Town's website.

Approved 2/6/08

Adjourned at 5:20 PM, Respectfully submitted, Anne Perry, Secretary

Meeting Schedule: **Wed.** Feb 6 (w/s); **Tuesdays:** Feb. 19 (reg); Mar. 4 (w/s); Mar. 18 (reg); Apr. 1 (w/s); Apr. 15 (reg)  
– all at 3:30 PM.